GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:564
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2001
SURPLUS STOCK OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of sugar stock with each State and the total domestic demand in these States;

(b) whether country is facing the problem of surplus sugar stocks;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government to tackle the problem of excess stock of sugar; and

(d) the cost of sugar production in other countries compared to that of India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) The State-wise sugar stocks as on 15th January, 2001 is at Annexure. The requirement of sugar of the State/UTs. is met partly from the levy sugar through Public Distribution System(PDS) which has a fixed quota for each State/UT and partly from the free sale sugar available in the open market on which there is no restriction of movement, and as such, it is not possible to assess the State/UT-wise domestic demand/requirement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following measures have been taken by the Central Government to tackle the problem of surplus sugar:

(i) Export of 10 lakh tonnes of sugar has been allowed.

(ii) To restrict the inflow of imported sugar in the country, the custom duty has been increase to 60% w.e.f. 09.02.2000 alongwith the existing countervailing duty of Rs.850.00 per tonne.

(iii) A policy of encouraging stability and reasonable level of sugar prices in the domestic market is being pursued through judicious releases of free sale sugar quotas. Higher releases as compared to corresponding months in the last sugar season have been made.

(iv) Advance releases of free sale sugar are being made to needy factories.

(d) The actual cost of production of sugar incurred by various sugar mills in different States is not maintained by this Ministry and hence, the comparison with the other country is not possible.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 564 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 23.02.2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING STOCKS OF SUGAR AS ON 15TH JANUARY, 2001 (Figures in Tonnes)

S.No. Name of the State Quantity

1. PUNJAB 311245

2. HARYANA 266202

3. RAJASTHAN 17994

4. U.P. 2889615

5. M.P. 53269
6. GUJARAT 759255

7 MAHARASHTRA 4711033

8. BIHAR 210864

9. ASSAM 2743
10. A.P. 729651
11. KARNATAKA 1082837
12. TAMIL NADU 940365
13. KERALA 7592
14. ORISSA 19669
15. WEST BENGAL 3678
16. PONDICHRRY 13613
17. GOA 8551
ALL INDIA TOTAL 12028173